

Statement on Public Health for the year 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Dorchester Rural District Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. Summary (including non-civilian cases). The following cases were notified:- Acute Encephalitis Lethargica 1; Acute Primary Pneumonia 7; Dysentery (Sonno) 43; Erysipelas 1; Malaria (recurrent) 1; Measles 187; Ophthalmia neonatorum 1; Puerperal pyrexia 2; Scarlet Fever 5; Tuberculosis, Pulmonary 7; Whooping Cough 32; Total 287.

Diphtheria. Two cases were notified but neither proved to be cases of this disease. One was found to be a case of Scarlet Fever.

Scarlet Fever. Two cases were discovered in one house, one of which had been overlooked. No case was associated with any particular school or milk supply. Two cases were notified, one at Maiden Newton and one at Came, neither of which proved to be this disease.

Measles. There were two main outbreaks, one in January in the Puddletown and Tolpuddle areas and another in April centred around Cerne Abbas and Sydling.

Dysentery. All the cases were the Sonne form and were mainly notified from the Dorset Mental Hospital.

The Encephalitis lethargica case also occurred there.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA. This was carried out at all the schools at which there were children requiring the treatment. At many of the schools there are nearly or quite 100% of the children who have had the immunisation treatment, consequently for several years the number of children treated has gradually decreased. Most of the children have been treated before entering the schools. 152 children under 5 years of age, and 31 children over 5 years of age, were treated during the year.

DAIRIES

Total No. Registered Premises	=	436
" " " Cowkeepers	=	412
Total No. of Inspections made	=	315
No. Statutory notices served	=	26
" " " expired	=	8
" " " complied with	=	62
" " " not complied with	=	1
No. Informal notices served	=	4
" " " expired	=	4
No. Informal Notices complied with	=	8
No. " " not complied with	=	3
No. of Premises at which alterations to cowstalls have been effected as a result of informal notices	=	8
No. of Premises at which alterations to cowstalls have been effected voluntarily	=	8
No. of Premises in respect of which plans for, or proposals of alterations have been received	=	13

Milk Sampling.

Total No. of milk samples taken = satisfactory. One.

Churn Washings.

Nil.

Food Inspection.

No. of visits = 15.

Condemned.

Tinned Foodstuffs. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ozs.
Other " 1 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. 6 ozs.

MEAT INSPECTION - GOVERNMENT SLAUGHTERHOUSES JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1945.

No. killed.	Cattle ex- cluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Goats
No. killed.	142	227	3	138	4	7
No. inspected.	142	227	3	138	4	7
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT T.B. Whole carcasses condemned.	-	5	-	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	24	49	1	77	1	-
% of No. inspected affected with diseases other than T.B. T.B. ONLY	17%	24%	33%	57%	25%	-
Whole carcasses condemned	2	12	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	25	60	-	-	-	-
% of No. inspected affected with T.B. only	19%	32%	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with T.B. & Other Diseases	8	49	-	-	-	-
% of No. inspected affected with T.B. & other diseases together.	6%	22%	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED = 7 ton. 2 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.
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At other slaughterhouses, in addition to the above, 142 animals were slaughtered and all inspected and as a result 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. condemned.

Rats & Mice Destruction.

The work of rats and mice destruction was continued throughout the year, a survey of the whole district was carried out, and as a result, 76 cases of infestations were found and treated.

WATER

The following Parishes have polluted or insufficient water supply:-
Winterborne Abbas, Winterborne Steepleton, Alton Pancras, Osmington, Langton Herring.

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Privately Owned Piped Supplies in/Parishes:- Abbotsbury, Bradford Peverell, Chesilborne (part), Langton Herring, Little Bredy, Long Bredy, Minterne, Osmington, Portisham, Sydling (part), Toller Fratrum, Up Cerne (part), Winterborne Abbas, (part), Winterborne Steepleton (part), Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St. Martin (part), Wynford Eagle.

Public Authorities & Water Co's Piped Supplies in 22 Parishes:-
Bincombe, Broadmayne, Buckland Newton, Cattistock, Cerne Abbas, Charminster, Chickerell, Chilfrome, Dewlish, Fleet, Frome St. Quinton, Frome Vauchurch, Godmanstone, Maiden Newton, Owermoigne, Poxwell, Puddlehinton, Puddletown, Piddletrenthide, Warmwell, Watercombe, West Knighton.

All piped supplies are constant with the exception of Langton Herring which is intermittent during periods of each year owing to insufficiency of water.

Proportion of houses supplied with water.

- (a) Percentage of the entire population of the District which is supplied with piped water direct to house = 36
- (b) Percentage of the entire population of the District which is supplied with piped water by stand-pipes = 18
- (c) Percentage of population of the Parishes having a piped supply, which is supplied direct to house = 68
- (d) Percentage of population of the parishes having a piped supply, which is supplied by stand-pipes = 34

No supply is liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

A scheme has now been approved by the Ministry of Health for a new water supply for Osmington.

With the exception of the mentioned Parishes the water supply generally has been satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

Water Sampling.

No. of water samples	satisfactory	=	33.
" " " "	unsatisfactory	=	23.
" " " "	suspicious	=	10.

Total No. of samples taken = 66

HOUSE INSPECTION.

No. of Houses inspected = 239

No. of houses rendered fit after service of informal notices

(a) Under Public Health Act = 5

(b) " Housing Act = 3

No. of houses rendered fit after service of statutory notices

(a) Under Public Health Act = Nil.

(b) Under Housing Act = 2.

No. of houses demolished as unfit for human habitation = Nil.

Overcrowding. No. of houses found to be overcrowded = 9.

No. of cases of overcrowding abated during year = 1.

NUISANCES.

Number inspected = 27.

" abated = 14.

" not abated = 15.

" reported as a
nuisance but not existent = 1.

CLOSETS.

Now W.C.'s = 3.

W.C. Conversions from the closets = 6.

Now E.C.'s = Nil.

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